Statement

C.I.F. price of Rifampicin of last five consignments

1. Rs. 2049.46 pe kg.
2. Rs. 2049.46 per kg.
3. Rs. 2247.35 per kg.
4. Rs. 2049.46 per kg.
5. Rs. 2093.86 per kg.

Drugs' required under National Health Programme

1559. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 4229 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 31st August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry was required to draw up a list of drugs required for National Health Programmes;

(b) whether it is a fact that Rifampicin is required for the National Health Programme and so far no company is producing this drug from basic stages in the country;

(c) whether it is also a fact that present production from penultimates involves large outgo of foreign exchange *vis-a-vis* import of the drug.

(d) what are the conditions; and safeguards suggested in its shifting from category I to category II; and

(e) what are the reasons, basis and justification to overtep its authority in taking this anti-consumer decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Foreign exchange involvement in production of the drug is not monitored by the Ministry.

(d) and (e) Recommendations for reclassification was made on the advice of the Directorate General of Health Services to encourage local production from the basic stage. The Company has given an Assurance that for the purpose of Government purchases it is prepared to supply at the rates stipulated for Category I drugs.

1560. [Cancelled]

Inclusion of Mental Health Programme in National Health Programme

1561. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1202 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th April, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his ministry informed that Mental Health Programme falls under National Health Programme;

(b) whether it is a fact that his ministry intimated the drugs which are needed for Mental Health Programme;

(c) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has not forwarded this programme to expert committee for identification of drugs needed for National Health Programmes under Category-I;

(d) whether it is a fact that his ministry recommended for price decontrol of drugs needed for Mental Health Programme; and

(e) if so, by when the decision is likely to be reversed and committee informed to identify drugs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No.

(b) Yes.

(c) The National Mental Health Programme as approved by the Government, in its essence, aims at promoting Community Mental health services at primary health care level through health education and training of peripheral level health workers. The intention is to have an integrated